

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 17, 2018

Agenda Item: Terry Bridge Proposed FAS (R7)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

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Background:

This proposed project would enhance FWP's efforts to increase public recreational access to the Yellowstone River in Region 7. This proposed access site is approximately 24 river miles downstream from the Bonfield FAS and 11 river miles upstream from Fallon Bridge FAS. It would provide a much-needed public boat ramp in this reach of the Yellowstone River. This site was initially looked at in 2008, but negotiations with the existing landowner at that time were unsuccessful. The current landowner is willing to sell to the department 44 acres on the south side of the river with an asking price of \$66,000. DNRC school trust land borders this property and provides additional public river access for wade fishing and other recreational activities.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

There is considerable community support but there has been no public involvement to date. If endorsed by the commission, the department will begin its due diligence process that will include conducting an environmental assessment and public scoping.

Alternatives and Analysis:

Potential alternatives will be identified and analyzed during the environmental review process.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

FWP recommends that the commission endorse efforts by the department to pursue a fishing access site on the Yellowstone at Terry. This is a rare opportunity for the department to bridge a 35-mile gap in public access on this reach of the Yellowstone River.

Proposed Motion: I move that the commission authorize the department to pursue negotiations with the landowner for the acquisition of a fishing access site near Terry.